

Whitchurch-on-Thames Parish Council

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held in the village hall, Tuesday 2nd August 2016, commencing at 8.00pm.

PRESENT

Chairman	Keith Brooks
Councillors	Dave Bowen Rachel Hatcher James Polansky Jonathan Steward
Clerk	Felipa House

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr. Donahue, Cllr. Hart.

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr. Steward (gardening contracts in the village).

3. Public forum Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council. With the permission of the Chairman, the public may also speak about specific items of business as they arise.

4. Agree minutes of Parish Council meeting 5th July 2016

These were approved as a true record.

5. Planning

P16/S2099/FUL, 'The Haven', Eastfield Lane. Demolition of existing house & garage, to be replaced by 2-storey, 5-bedroom dwelling. This revised application was felt to be more in keeping with the area & the road, although it was deemed to be a shame that the current house had been partially demolished before planning approval was obtained. The owners of 'Saxon Shaw' next door have written to SODC to say that their previous objections regarding positioning of the house & its distance from them no longer apply. The Council voted unanimously for 'No strong views' to be submitted. P16/S2399/O, 'Eastfield House', Eastfield Lane. Partial demolition of existing care home, construction of extensions & change of use of land at the rear. This was felt to be a renewal of existing plans. The Council voted unanimously for 'No strong views' to be submitted.

6. Finance Approve payments/note receipts

Monthly salary for the Clerk
Expenses for the Clerk (£7.90)
Invoice from Steward Grounds Maintenance for July gardening services (£250.00)
Invoice from SODC for quarterly dog-bin emptying (£50.23)
Invoice from Nova Press for July 'Bulletin' (£343.75).

The Clerk requested that the Council make a small donation to the Pre-School for the use of their marquees. The Council agreed a sum of £50. The Clerk will arrange payment.

7. Other matters for Chairman & PC to consider Items that arise that are not on this agenda but need discussion & to be proposed for a future agenda

CLlr. Hatcher mentioned that planning & traffic were the main areas of interest within the Village Plan. She will co-ordinate the formation of the relevant focus groups.

CLlr. Brooks is meeting a resident this week to discuss the position of the noticeboard outside ‘The Old Stables’.

The Council will discuss the provision of dog bins at September’s meeting; is greater provision required (village green, Hartslock Bridleway)?

The Clerk will arrange the hire of PAT testing equipment for the village hall.

The Clerk is liaising with SODC regarding the contract for the lease of the old Polish church site as there are some queries. She will email a copy of the contract to the Council. This will be discussed further at September’s meeting.

CLlr. Steward would like to establish a weekly coffee morning at the village hall for residents. This will be added to the agenda for September’s meeting.

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 6th September 2016 at 8pm.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....